SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS RELATING TO PART 1

The Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000 (c. 4)

13.—(1) The 2000 Act is amended as follows.

(2) In section 53 (loss of benefit for breach of community order), after subsection (4) insert—

"(4A) The Department may by regulations provide that, where the relevant benefit is an employment and support allowance, any income-related allowance (within the meaning of Part 1 of the Welfare Reform Act (Northern Ireland) 2007) shall be payable, during the whole or part of the prescribed period, as if one or more of the following applied—

(a) the rate of the allowance were such reduced rate as may be prescribed;

(b) the allowance were payable only if there is compliance by the offender with such obligations with respect to the provision of information as may be imposed by the regulations;

(c) the allowance were payable only if the circumstances are otherwise such as may be prescribed.".

(3) In that section, in subsection (8), in the definition of "relevant benefit" after paragraph (b) insert—

"(ba) an employment and support allowance;".

(4) In section 56 (loss of benefit regulations), in subsection (4) (regulations subject to confirmatory procedure), in paragraph (c), after "section 53(4)" insert "or (4A)".